

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 61

48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007

INTRODUCED BY

Thomas E. Swisstack

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE NEW MEXICO SENTENCING COMMISSION RESEARCH
ISSUES RELATED TO PROVIDING ADULT PROBATION AND PAROLE SERVICES
TO OFFENDERS IN NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, the mission of the adult probation and parole
division of the corrections department is "to provide for
public safety through a balance of supervision, enforcement and
the provision of program services to increase the probability
of offenders becoming law-abiding citizens"; and

WHEREAS, adult probation and parole officers bear the
significant responsibility of enforcing conditions of probation
and parole for the men and women they supervise; and

WHEREAS, the officers are also responsible for helping
offenders access programs and services that support
rehabilitation and reentry to the offenders' communities; and

.168240.1

underscored material = new
[bracketed material] = delete

underscored material = new
[bracketed material] = delete

1 WHEREAS, it is essential that the adult probation and
2 parole division be provided with the resources it needs to
3 appropriately supervise and support offenders; and

4 WHEREAS, public safety and rehabilitation efforts are
5 compromised in the absence of adequate resources for the adult
6 probation and parole division;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
8 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico sentencing commission
9 be requested to research issues related to providing adult
10 probation and parole services to offenders in New Mexico; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the research conducted by the
12 New Mexico sentencing commission include the following issues:

- 13 A. caseloads for adult probation and parole
14 officers;
- 15 B. national standards for caseloads;
- 16 C. starting salaries for adult probation and parole
17 officers;
- 18 D. competing salaries for similar employment in New
19 Mexico;
- 20 E. retention of adult probation and parole
21 officers; and
- 22 F. the number of vacant officer positions within
23 the adult probation and parole division; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico sentencing
25 commission report its findings to the appropriate interim

.168240.1

1 legislative committee by November 30, 2007; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
3 transmitted to the New Mexico legislative council, the director
4 of the adult probation and parole division of the corrections
5 department and the director of the New Mexico sentencing
6 commission.

7 - 3 -
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25